

# Kano boat mishap: Death toll hits 42

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**T**he death toll from the boat accident in Bagwai, Kano State, has risen to 42 following the recovery of 13 bodies.

It was gathered that all the remaining 13 bodies were recovered yesterday.

*Daily Trust* had reported that the boat, with 49 persons onboard, capsized while conveying passengers, mostly pupils of Madinatu Islamiyya School from Badau village to Bagwai.

The pupils were heading to Bagwai to participate in Maulud celebration

when the accident happened.

Twenty-nine bodies were earlier recovered while seven persons were rescued alive.

Meanwhile, the Kano State government has constituted a committee to investigate the accident.

It has also provided two buses to support the movement of passengers between Badau village and Bagwai. The state government also distributed relief materials to the families of the victims.

Items distributed included bags of rice, maize, corn, sugar and salt as well as N6 million cash.